

**Amendments to the Claims:**

- 1-53. (cancelled)
54. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9,
  - (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 lacking its associated signal sequence,
  - (c) the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:8,
  - (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8, or
  - (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209265.
55. (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 54.
56. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 55.
57. (previously presented) The host cell of Claim 56 which is a CHO cell, an *E. Coli*, a yeast cell or a Baculovirus-infected insect cell.
58. (previously presented) A process for producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:9 comprising culturing the host cell of Claim 56 under conditions suitable for expression of said polypeptide and recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture.
- 59-63. (cancelled)